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Ken'ichi SUGAWARA : Patent Art Unit: 3654
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Sir:

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Japanese Patent Application Publication 2001-275533 discloses a spool in which a bearing 20 is provided on an inner periphery of the spool, a spool support portion 3 is provided so as to be prevented from moving rearward (leftward as viewed in Figure 1), and a nut 22 is coupled to the threaded portion 1c of the spool shaft 1.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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